



iPhone 6 cell signal fix

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INTRODUCTION

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Step 1 — Pentalobe Screws



 Before disassembling your iPhone, discharge the battery below 25%. A charged lithium-ion battery can catch fire and/or explode if accidentally punctured.

- Power off your iPhone before beginning disassembly.
- Remove the two 3.6 mm Pentalobe screws next to the Lightning connector.

Step 2 — iSclack Opening Procedure



- i** The next three steps demonstrate using the iSclack, a great tool for safely opening the iPhone 6 that we recommend for anyone doing more than one repair. **If you aren't using the iSclack, skip down three steps for an alternate method.**
- If the plastic depth gauge is attached at the center of the iSclack, remove it now—it's not needed for larger phones like the iPhone 6.
 - Close the handle on the iSclack, opening the suction-cup jaws.

Step 3



- Place the bottom of your iPhone in between the suction cups.
 - Position the iSclack's upper suction cup against the display, just above (but not covering) the home button.
- Open the handles to close the jaws of the iSclack. Center the suction cups and press them firmly onto the top and bottom of the iPhone.

Step 4



- Hold onto your iPhone securely and close the handle of the iSlack to separate the suction cups, pulling the front panel up from the rear case.
- The iSlack is designed to safely open your iPhone just enough to separate the pieces, but not enough to damage the display cables.
- Peel the two suction cups off your iPhone.
- **Skip the next three steps and continue on to Step 8.**

Step 5 — Manual Opening Procedure




- If you don't have an iSlack, use a single suction cup to lift the front panel:
- Press a suction cup onto the screen, just above the home button.
- ⓘ Be sure the cup is pressed securely onto the screen to get a tight seal.


Step 6



- While holding the iPhone down with one hand, pull up on the suction cup to slightly separate the front panel assembly from the rear case.

 Take your time and apply firm, constant force. The display assembly is a much tighter fit than most devices.

- Using a plastic opening tool, begin to gently pry the rear case down, away from the display assembly, while continuing to pull up with the suction cup.

 There are several clips holding the front panel assembly to the rear case, so you may need to use a combination of the suction cup and plastic opening tool to free the front panel assembly.

Step 7



- Pull the plastic nub to release the vacuum seal on the suction cup.
- Remove the suction cup from the display assembly.

Step 8 — Opening up the phone



- Open the iPhone by swinging the home button end of the front panel assembly away from the rear case, using the top of the phone as a hinge.
 - ⓘ Several clips along the top edge of the front panel form a partial hinge.
 - ☑ During reassembly, align the clips just below the top edge of the rear case. Then, slide the front panel upward until its top edge is flush with that of the rear case.

Step 9



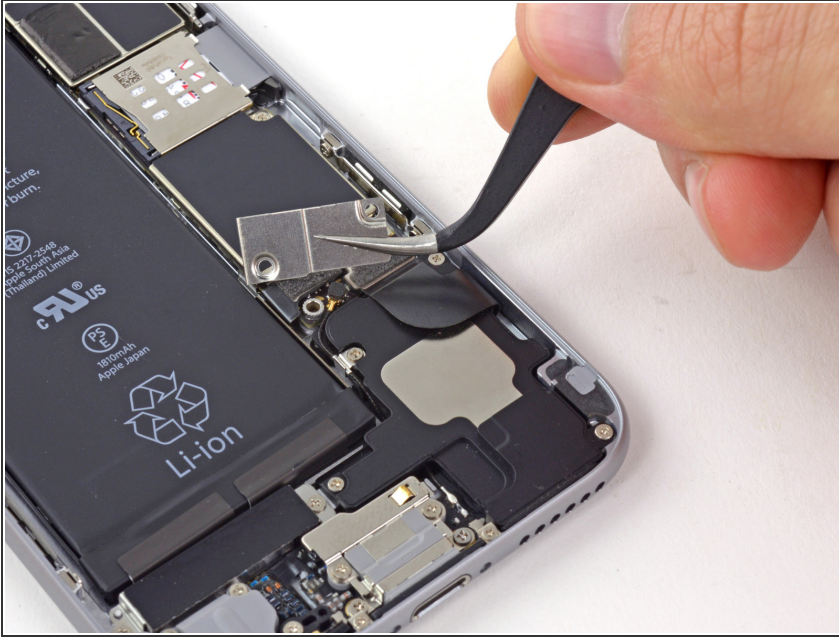
- Open the display to about a 90° angle, and lean it against something to keep it propped up while you're working on the phone.
 - ⓘ In a pinch, an unopened canned beverage works well for this.
- Add a rubber band to keep the display securely in place while you work. This prevents undue strain on the display cables.

Step 10 — Removing the battery connector bracket screws



- Remove the following Phillips screws from the battery connector bracket:
 - One 2.2 mm screw
 - One 3.2 mm screw

Step 11



- Remove the metal battery connector bracket from the iPhone.

Step 12 — Disconnecting the battery connector



- Use a plastic opening tool to gently pry the battery connector up from its socket on the logic board.
- ⚠ Take care to only pry up on the battery connector, and not the socket on the logic board. If you pry up on the logic board socket, you may break the connector entirely.

Step 13 — Removing the front panel assembly cable bracket screws

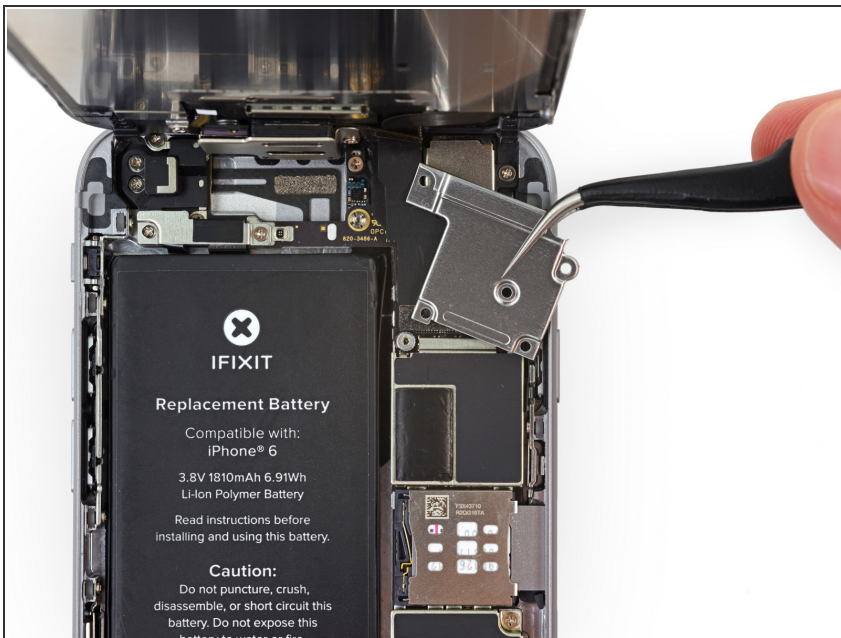


- Remove the following five Phillips screws securing the front panel assembly cable bracket:

- Three 1.2 mm screws
- One 1.7 mm screw
- One 3.1 mm screw

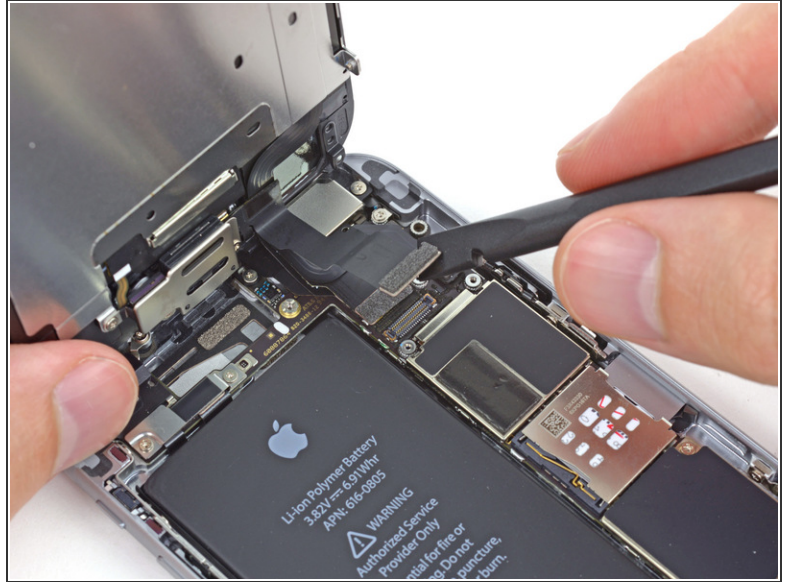
⚠ Incorrect placement of these screws during reassembly will cause permanent damage to your iPhone's logic board.

Step 14



- Remove the front panel assembly cable bracket from the logic board.

Step 15



⚠ In the next four steps, take care to pry up **only** on the cable connectors, and not on their sockets on the logic board.

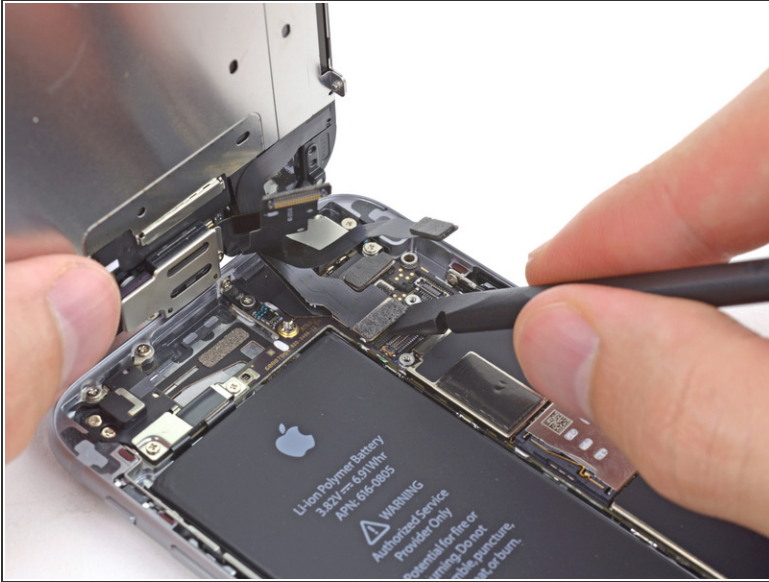
- Use the flat end of a spudger to disconnect the front-facing camera and sensor cable connector.

Step 16



- Use the flat end of a spudger to disconnect the home button cable connector.

Step 17



- Use the flat end of a spudger to disconnect the display data cable connector.

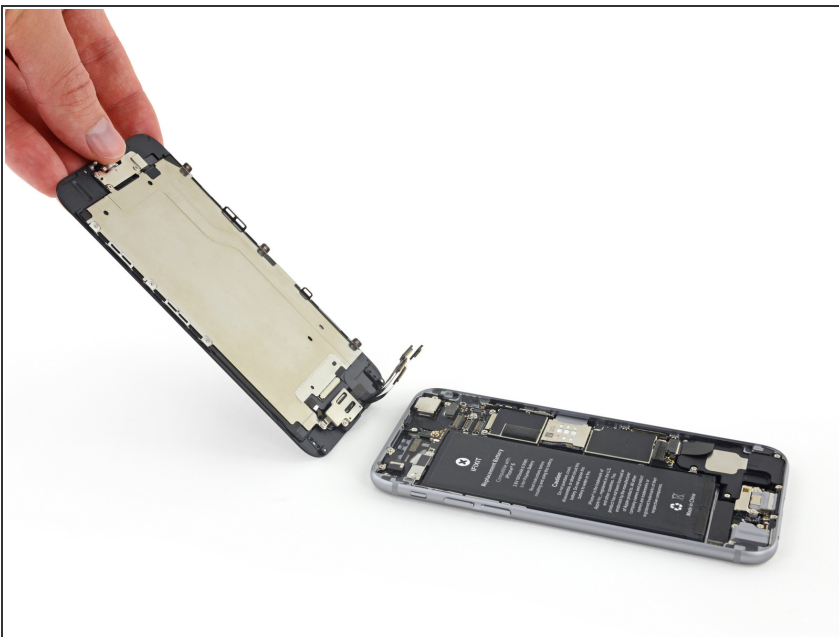
✦ When reassembling your phone, the display data cable may pop off its connector. This can result in white lines or a blank screen when powering your phone back on. If that happens, simply reconnect the cable and power cycle your phone. The best way to power cycle your phone is to [disconnect and reconnect the battery connector](#).

Step 18



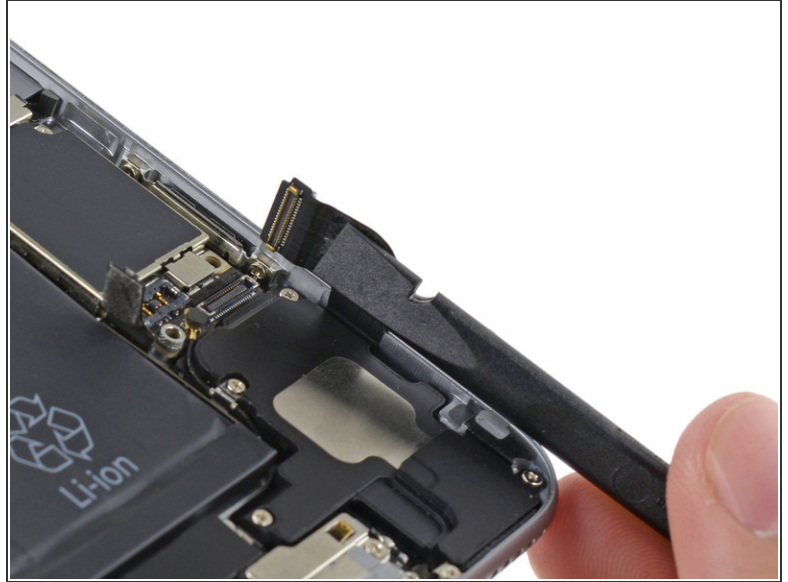
- Use the flat end of a spudger to disconnect the digitizer cable connector.
- ✦ When reconnecting the digitizer cable, **do not press the center of the connector**. Press one end of the connector, then press the opposite end. Pressing in the center of the connector can bend the component and cause digitizer damage.

Step 19 — Separating front panel assembly and rear case



- Remove the front panel assembly from the rear case.

Step 20 — Speaker



- Use the flat end of a spudger to disconnect the Lightning connector assembly cable and fold it out of the way of the speaker.

Step 21



- Use the point of a spudger to lift the antenna cable connector up off of its socket on the logic board.

Step 22



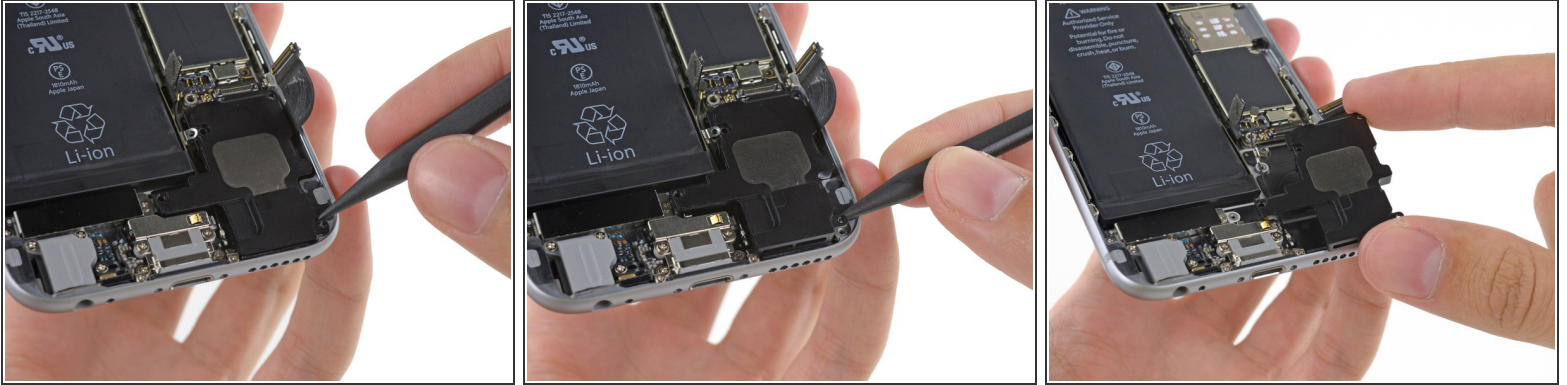
- Remove the following four Phillips #00 screws securing the speaker:
 - Two 2.9 mm screws
 - Two 2.3 mm screws

Step 23



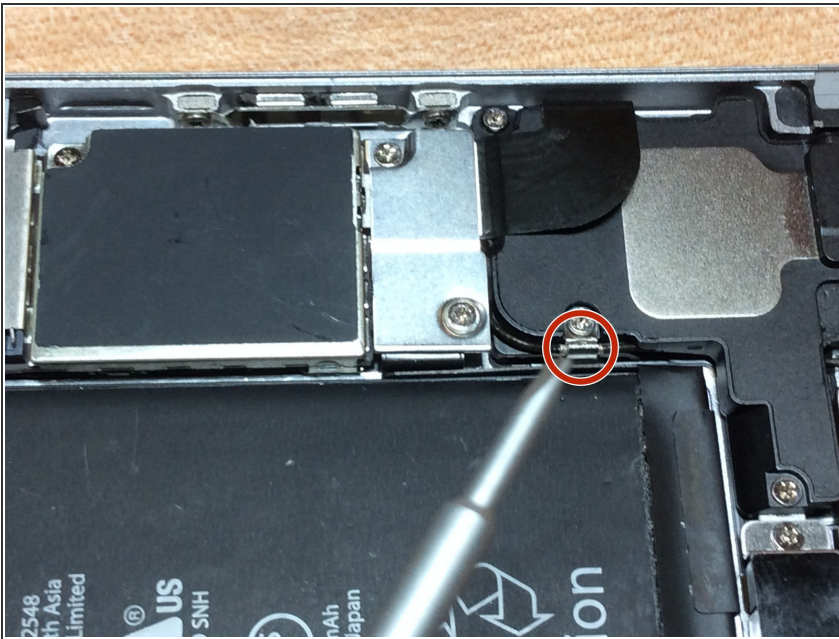
- Use the point of a spudger to push the antenna interconnect cable clip off of the speaker housing.

Step 24



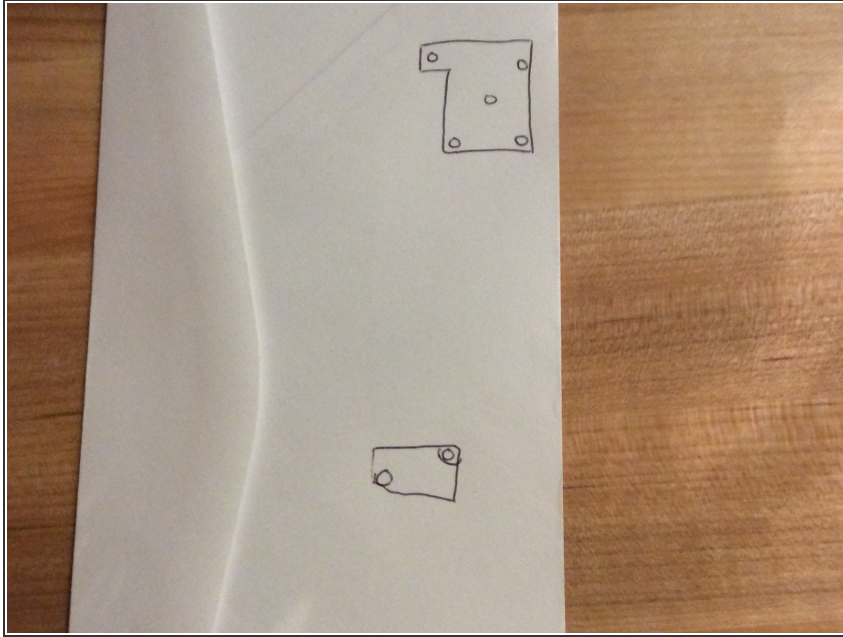
- Use the tip of a spudger to pry the speaker up and out of the rear case.
- Remove the speaker from the iPhone.

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- The tip of the screwdriver is pointing where the antenna cable is supposed to have a tight connection to the speaker which houses a very large magnet.

Step 26



- I utilize a blank sheet of paper and draw the part I'm removing screws from and place each screw on the right spot on the corresponding diagram. This makes putting it back together a snap. Employ the magnetizing your screwdriver trick to help you get screws where you want them.

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